

## **REMARKS**

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 18, 2007..

The Examiner has indicated that claims 45-50 and claims 78 are not allowable in view of newly discovered reference to Eaton et al (2,552,945). Thus, these claims have been canceled herein.

As it is believed that all of the outstanding matter set forth in the Office Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicant's attorney at (201) 847-6797 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-1666 therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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